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ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION RIGHTS FOR LESBIANS - TARGET PROJECT

DETROIT, MI - On January 26 and 27, the Policy Council of the Michigan Organization For Human Rights met at the Metropolitan Community Church in Detroit. Delegates from 24 groups across Michigan attended. Besides business sessions and committee meetings, two workshops were featured: "Affirmation, Not Denial," a values clarification workshop hosted by the MOHR Education Committee, and "Legislative Initiatives" featuring Rick Stokes of San Francisco.

Rick Stokes, known from the movie Word Is Out, also spoke at a public forum held at the University Hills Christian Reformed Church in Farmington Hills, Michigan, where he spoke on non-victim crimes and sexual minorities.

The Policy Council adopted several resolutions, the most substantive being to establish two task forces. Under Records Officer, Peggy Nelson, a Task Force On Investigating Discrimination Against Lesbians Seeking Artificial Insemination, was established. This project grew out of frequent complaints coming in to the MOHR Office that Michigan doctors who perform artificial insemination, particularly in the Detroit area, routinely refuse to accept clients who are not heterosexually married. One doctor is reported to have told a lesbian caller, "If you want to get pregnant so badly, just go stand on a street corner." The Task Force will investigate to see how extensive this discriminatory practice is and whether the new Omnibus Human Rights Ordinance in Detroit can be used as a means for enforcing non-discrimination for lesbians and single women.

A second resolution established a Human Services Task Force which was charged with publishing a comprehensive directory of services to lesbians and gay men in Michigan, including legal, medical, counselling, V.D. screening, substance abuse, and support groups. The directory will be on sale by late 1979.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION - Continued

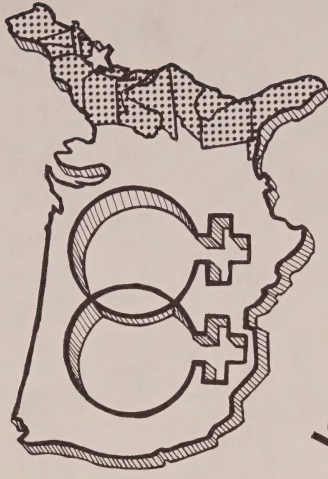
On Sunday, January 27, Todd's Bowling Disco hosted a benefit show for MOHR at which over \$1,000.00 was raised.

The MOHR Policy Council meets quarterly and moves around the state. The next meeting, in April, will be in either Kalamazoo or Flint.

NEWS STORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

eastern regional



lesbian conference

APRIL 1-2

New York City

sponsored by

**Lesbian Feminist
Liberation**

co-sponsored by
Lesbians Rising at Hunter College

*the time has come for
Lesbians in the eastern region
of the U.S. to open up the
lines of communication...*

Lesbians have been acquiring skills and information as organizers, professionals, and members of the community. This weekend, we will begin the process of sharing that knowledge and discussing the problems we face living and working in the Lesbian community.

Women experienced in organizing will share their successes, failures and perspectives on future directions for the movement. Workshops will provide practical solutions and in-depth information on community problems. Recognizing the range of experience in the community, essential skills will be covered on both introductory and advanced levels.

Attached is a pre-registration form. The cost of the conference is \$5.00 if you register in advance. If you are planning to attend the conference, we would appreciate it if you would pre-register so that we will have sufficient funds to put on this conference. Registration at the door will be \$7.00, more if you can, less if you can't.

Childcare and housing will be available. Contact us in advance. The conference site is accessible to disabled women. This conference is for Women Only.

We hope you will attend the conference and share your experience, knowledge, and concerns with other Lesbians from the east coast.

*For more info: Write or call LFL at
243 West 20th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10011
(212) 691-5460*

Conference Location: Hunter College
entrance on East 69th St. Between Park and
Lexington Aves, N.Y.C.

Friday eve., March 31st

Hospitality Night 8:30—11:00 p.m.
at the Women's Center, 243 W. 20th St.
(between 7th & 8th Aves.)
Housing & Registration Info. Available
Women from out of town especially welcome.

Saturday, April 1st

10 a.m.—Registration begins (Women who pre-
register can pick up their conference
schedules at this time.)

11 a.m. (sharp)—First session begins.

evening—entertainment

Sunday, April 2nd

10 a.m.—Late registration

11 a.m. (sharp)—First session begins.

Workshops include:

Feminist Media: How does it work and how can
you use it?
When You Can't Go Back In: The Stress of Be-
ing Out
Tax Laws: How do they affect your organiza-
tion?
Survival Strategies for Lesbians in the Suburbs
Starting a Lesbian Organization
Lesbian Mothers: Coping in Our Community
The Healthy, Happy Activist
Third World Lesbians: Coping With Racism
Lesbian Households: Legal advice on buying
property, wills and finances

Enclosed is my \$5.00* check or money order (payable to LFL). Please register me for the conference.
I will need housing for _____ Friday evening, _____ Saturday evening
I will need childcare for _____ children. I will also need housing for _____ children.
I will be able to provide housing for _____ women and _____ children. Please call me at _____.
I would like to work on the conference. Please call me at _____.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Organizational affiliation (if any): _____

Please add my name to your mailing list _____

Return this form to: LFL, Conference Committee, 243 W. 20 St., New York, N.Y. 10011

You will not receive any further confirmation of your registration. Conference schedules can be picked up on Satur-
day starting at 10 a.m. at the conference site.
Thank you for pre-registering.

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*Does not include cost of Sat. evening entertainment